

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
December 21, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, John French, Jr., Morgan Laidlaw, Martin Cates, Town Manager Roberta Smith, and Town Attorney William Kelly. Also present were members of the press and public.

Contents

- 1. Public input on non-agenda items.** There was no public input on non-agenda items.

Chairperson Grove congratulated Board member Laidlaw and his wife Susie on the birth of their new son Alexander.

- 2. Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2010.**

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Board minutes of November 23, 2010 as submitted. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 3. Swearing in of Randy Gagne as new Police Chief for the Camden Police Department effective January 1, 2011.**

A brief ceremony was held for Lieutenant Randy Gagne's promotion to Police Chief. Chief Roberts addressed the Board and indicated that Lieutenant Gagne is most deserving of this promotion. Randy Gagne's wife Rechelle, pinned the Chief of Police pin onto Randy.

- 4. Discussion on Gateway 1 Interlocal Agreement.** The Gateway 1 Implementation Steering Committee after much deliberation and input from municipal officials along the corridor has developed an Interlocal Agreement that will create the legal framework for the Gateway 1 Corridor Coalition. The benefits of participating in the Corridor Coalition are significant and include the unprecedented authority to make prioritization decisions on certain MaineDOT transportation improvements corridor-wide, funding for municipal planning, and higher priority for capital projects. The Interlocal Agreement will need to be approved by the legislative body (town meeting) in each municipality joining the corridor coalition. In addition to approving the Interlocal Agreement each community will have to adopt or endorse the Gateway 1 Corridor Action Plan. The Interlocal Steering Committee would like to have each community vote on the agreement by June 30, 2011. Don White, Chair of the Gateway 1 Steering Committee was present to give an overview of the Gateway 1 Interlocal Agreement and answered questions raised by Board members.

- 5. Acceptance of resignation from John Orlando from the Opera House Committee.** *John French made a motion to accept the resignation of John Orlando from the Opera House Committee. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.*

Chairperson Grove read the rules and regulations for conducting public hearings in preparation of the public hearings to be held this evening.

- 6. Public Hearings were held on three liquor license applications:** Manager Smith reported these applications and have been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any proponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any opponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove closed the public portion of the hearing and no Board discussion followed.

- a. **Application of James & Cynthia Ostrowski, d/b/a Blackberry Inn at 82 Elm Street for a renewal Class V Bed & Breakfast Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.**
- b. **Application of North Winds, Inc., d/b/a The Waterfront Restaurant at 48 Bay View Street for a renewal Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.**
- c. **Application of Jennifer Thieme, d/b/a Old World Potato Company at 31 Elm Street for a new Class I Restaurant Liquor License.**

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the licenses as requested in a-c above. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 7. Consideration of application of Jennifer Thieme, d/b/a Old World Potato Company at 31 Elm Street for a new victualer license.** Manager Smith reported this is a new business and the application has been reviewed and approved by the Codes Officer and the Fire Chief.

John French made a motion to approve the victualer license as requested above. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 8. Discussion of correspondence from Linda Bean relative to the addition of outdoor picnic tables at the Public Landing.** The Board discussed that the Planning Board had spent a fair amount of time collecting data and conducting interviews on ideas and the future of the Public Landing for the capital planning purposes and therefore felt it best if Ms. Bean presented her proposal to the Planning Board for initial consideration and recommendation. Board members asked the town manager if she could get a concept sketch from Ms. Bean so they could better understand her vision for her corner of the Public Landing.

- 9. Award of Camden's Boston Post Cane to Herbert Inman.** The present holder of the Boston Post Cane, Flora Wright recently passed away. After some research it has been recommended that the cane be awarded to Herbert Inman who resides at Quarry Hill. Mr. Inman is 98 years old and has lived on Knowlton Street for 82 years. Mr. Inman's mother, Mary was also awarded the Boston Post Cane in 1987.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Board member Laidlaw reported he was fortunate enough to attend the retirement party for Chief Roberts. It was a nice send off and show of support for Chief Roberts.

- b. Board member Dodge attended the Redevelopment Committee of Ragged Mountain on December 10th. Their main focus was to discuss the next steps. The most recent estimate for the project has come in at \$7.5 million and they voted to stick to the original budget of \$6.5 million. The committee is going to be doing some fine tuning and doing some evaluation of where they need to tailor the project and it may involve redesign of the lodge.
- c. Board member Cates reported that CEDAC will be hearing a final presentation from Development Concepts, Inc., Dr. Charles Colgan of the Maine Center for Business and Economic Research, and HNTB on the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS & ACTION PLAN** for the Town of Camden. The presentation and discussion is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Washington Street Conference Room - located on the Washington Street side of the Camden Town Office/Camden Opera House building.

This report addresses the issues of economic growth in the context of the Town of Camden, one of the 20 communities examined in the Gateway 1 planning process. The intention of this Commercial Development Inventory and Economic Development Analysis is to guide the economic development efforts of Camden for the next 5-10 years within the context of the Gateway 1 initiative."

11. Manager's Report

- a. Mrs. Smith reported at the 1/24/11 CEDAC meeting will be the final presentation of the strategic plan that CEDAC and Mat Eddy have been working on for several months. This presentation and the presentation mentioned above by Board member Cates will be a great road map for the future of Camden.
- b. Mrs. Smith reported that the town received 29 applications for the Development Director position. They have planned on two screening committees. Members of CEDAC will be on the first screening committee to narrow down to a few finalists. Hopefully by the end of January we will have a candidate.
- c. Mrs. Smith reported on a thank you letter that Police Chief Roberts sent to the town for his retirement party.
- d. Mrs. Smith reported there is a vacancy for a Camden resident for the Knox County Budget representative. An advertisement has been placed and hopefully an appointment will be ready for the January 18th Select Board meeting.

John French made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary